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**Subject:** RE: Isolation Barrier Documents

We'll discuss during our Monday meeting

*Thanks*

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An FYI for all.

I can draft language for a response to Mr. Smith once I know what direction we want to go in regards to his request.

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Ms. Albano,

Thanks for your time on the phone just now. MCE requested EPA Region 7 make documents available on its West Lake Landfill website as it receives documents from the responsible parties. The reason for this is that the agreement between EPA Region 7 and the responsible parties regarding work on the isolation barrier means documents will be exchanged at a faster rate than a FOIA request is normally processed. MCE is going to submit FOIA requests every day beginning next week requesting isolation barrier related documents in order to make sure that we are getting documents as timely as possible. I would rather not do that every day and would like to know if EPA Region 7 is considering our request to post documents upon receiving them or if MCE should go ahead and begin submitting FOIA requests daily for documents related to the isolation barrier.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources was able to post to its website draft contingency plans from Republic Services regarding the isolation barrier and more last summer. DNR posting draft documents within 2-3 business days after receiving them before EPA Region 7, AG Koster, and Republic Services decided to install the isolation barrier with EPA Region 7 as the lead.

I hope EPA Region 7 can use the DNR model of transparency and public good will and apply to the documents currently being received by Republic Services and its contractors related to the isolation barrier. The DNR model allowed MCE and concerned citizens to submit concerns, without expecting a response, in order to be on the record. We saw several of our concerns reflected in DNR communications with Republic Services and believe this model is in the best interest of transparency.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Ed

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